

## **TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR**

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## EAST WINDSOR AWARDED \$4.7 MILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL FUNDING

East Windsor, CT, January 6, 2023 – The Town of East Windsor has been awarded \$4.7 million in federal Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) awards, included in the recently signed federal budget. Senators Murphy and Blumenthal secured ninety-nine CDS awards across Connecticut, fourteen of which are in Congressman Larson's District. East Windsor has received three of those awards. Funding requests were due to congressional offices in April of 2022 and finalized in the federal budget that was approved on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

CDS projects approved for the Town of East Windsor include \$2.75 million for streamlining of town services for seniors and low-income residents through the renovation and expansion of East Windsor Scout Hall Youth Center; \$1.2 million for the School Hill Water Association to connect 31 homes and 87 residents to the Connecticut Water Company public water system; and \$750,000 for the Connecticut Trolley Museum to move forward the goal of developing the Trolley Museum into a living history museum.

"This is a tremendous windfall in federal funds for the Town of East Windsor," said First Selectman Jason E. Bowsza. "We are so appreciative of the support from Senator Murphy, Senator Blumenthal, and Representative Larson."

In a statement released just after passage of the federal budget, Senator Blumenthal said "these projects will undoubtedly strengthen our communities and I am proud to have worked alongside Senator Murphy to deliver these invaluable investments to Connecticut."

"This year's government funding package will make a difference in our community locally and across the county, and I commend (House Appropriations Chair) Rosa DeLauro on her leadership to get this package across the finish line," Congressman Larson said in a statement.

"The funding included for East Windsor represents one of the largest federal awards the Town of East Windsor has ever seen," Bowsza added.

The \$2.75 million for the renovation and expansion of the Scout Hall Youth Center was tied to a ballot question authorizing the project that was defeated in November's election and represents fifty-five percent of the project estimate. The non-transferrable funding is considered "last in" funding from the federal government, which means that the Town of East Windsor would need to secure the remaining \$2.25 million through other means to access the federal funds.

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